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Response to OA of 4-05-2006 (Final Rejection), Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131, and an article by Michael Briggs inadvertently left out of our 12-05-2005 response (1 page).

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (OA) of April 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows”

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper. These amendments cancel any new matter as requested by the Office Action of April 5th.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing on page 5 of this paper. Claims 2, 6, and 14 were rewritten in independent form under 37 CFR 1.116 (2) as Applicant is preparing to appeal the Final Rejection. Claims 1 and 16 have the word “lignocellulosic”

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replaced with "thermoplastic" to answer OA Item 4. The thermoplastic ranges are presented in [0011] of the original Specification. Applicant makes this amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 (1) and (3).

Interview Comments are provided on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 10 of this paper.